Proposal for Running of Vikramshila Express form Sahibganj

4630. SHRI SIMON MARANDI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the engine of 167 Up and 168 Down Patna-Bhagalpur Vikramshila Express is sent every day to Sahibganj from Bhagalpur for over hauling and maintenance:

(b) if so, whether Government propose to start this train from Sahibganj instead of Bhagalpur and if so, when: and

(c) the details of action taken for the development and improvement of Sahibganj railway yard and the station during the last three years, yearwise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir. the engine works other passenger trains in a link before reaching its homing shed at Sahibganj.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) Development and improvement of yard :—

(i) TXR office with additional carriage maintenance facilities completed in 89-90.

(ii) Resleepering of line No 1 with concrete sleepers completed in 90-91.

Development and improvement of Railway station :—

(i) Renovation of refreshment room completed in 88-89.

(ii) Passenger information system provided in 88-89.

(iii) Mastic flooring on Up and Dn platforms completed in 89-90.

Privatisation of Power Generation in Madhya Pradesh

4631. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to privatise power generation in Madhya Pradesh:

(b) if so, the details thereof: and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c) No proposal to privatise power generation from M.P. has been received. The Madhya Pradesh Audyogik Vikas Nigam Ltd., a Government of Madhya Pradesh Undertaking, on behalf of MPEB have invited offers from private investors in June, 1990 for pre-qualification in establishment of 3 thermal projects and two hydel power projects. The 3 thermal power projects are Pench (2X210 MW), Sanjay Gandhi Extension of Units (2X210 MW), Korba West (2X210 MW) and the 2 hydel projects are Tawa (1X12 MW) and Maheshwar (10X40 MW). MPEB has informed that out of 45 offers received 11 (eleven) private sector enterpreneurs have been shortlisted for consideration. The M.P. Government is competent to decide about the project schedules.